Revamping IA's functioning

1643. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bad deals in IA had cost Rs. 32.15 crores on account of under-utilization of code share capacity and non-payment of dues by international airlines;

(b) whether the lower revenue is attributed to frequent changes in flight schedules, high rate of concellation of tickets by agents, poor puncuality and operations on uneconomic routes; and

(c) if so, action plan of Government to control unabated loss and to revamp its functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) The code share capacity entitlements do not entail any cost but, to the extent utilized, generate additional revenue to Indian Airlines. The extent of utilization of code share capacity depends on traffic demand and operating carrier's network etc. There also exist bilateral/business arrangements in other areas between Indian Airlines and International Airlines for which invoices are exchanged and settlement is made through IATA clearing house or locally as the case may be on a regular basis. In the course of these transactions, there arise a few cases of dues remaining unpaid for some dispute/clarification/ supporting documents requirement etc. All such cases are reviewed and efforts are made to resolve through mutual discussions either at local representatives level or if necessary by taking up the matter at corporate level. The amount of such disputed invoices at any point of time is generally a small proportion of the total volume of transactions and the amount of revenue earned by Indian Airlines from these transactions.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Private sector participation in setting up of airports

1644. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to rope in private sector for setting up airports, if so, the details of the joint venture project;

(b) whether Government have already listed architect firms for the design of new projects; and

(c) whether this poses any kind of security risk?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes, Sir. An airport with equity participation from State Government of Kerala, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), financial institutions and Non-Resident Indians has been set up at Nedumbassery near Cochin. Airports with private sector participation are being established at Shamshabad near Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) and Devanahalli near Bangalore (Karnataka).The two airport projects, have been promoted by the respective State Governments on a joint venture basis with Private Sector Participation. The construction of a new airport in MOPA in Goa has also been approved to be undertaken by the State Government with private sector participation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir, the provision of CNS/ATM services and airport security will continue to remain vested with Airports Authority of India (AAI). In the event of airports having international operations, regulatory functions such as immigration, customs, public health and plant/animal quarantine, would continue to be exercised by Government Regulatory Agencies.

Request for more seats by Emirates

1645. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Emirates Airlines has requested Government to increase its seats in the Indian sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Emirates in their five year plan for India have proposed for enhancement, in a phased